

## SUBCHAPTER D—INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION RULES

### Special Note—Application of the 72 COLREGS to territories and possessions.

a. Article III of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), done at London, October 20, 1972, as rectified by Proces-Verbal of December 1, 1973, provides that a party may notify the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO, formerly Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization or IMCO) that it extends the application of the Convention to territory for which it is responsible for international relations. Since it is the intention of the United States that the 72 COLREGS apply to all U.S. territories and possessions to the same extent that the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1960 (60 COLREGS) (16 USC 794, TIAS 5813) previously applied, the United States has given notice to the Secretary-General that the provisions of the 1972 COLREGS are applicable on July 15, 1977, to the following territories and possessions for which the United States is responsible for international relations:

Puerto Rico  
Guam  
The Canal Zone  
The Virgin Islands of the United States  
American Samoa  
Midway Island  
Wake Island  
Johnston Island  
Palmyra Island  
Kingman Reef  
Howland Island  
Baker Island  
Jarvis Island  
Navassa Island

b. In accordance with Article III, other parties to the Convention have notified the Secretary-General that application of 72 COLREGS is extended. These parties with their territorial extensions are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1. TERRITORIAL EXTENSIONS OF OTHER PARTIES TO 72 COLREGS

Party to convention	Territories to which 72 COLREGS are extended
United Kingdom .....	Hong Kong.

Because earlier formulations of the COLREGS were not elaborated as treaties, they came into force by the almost simultaneous enactment of domestic legislation by the majority of maritime nations. The

COLREGS were judicially considered as being customary international law, that is to say international law based upon the consensus of maritime nations rather than upon an express instrument. Because 72 COLREGS was elaborated as a treaty, and under usual treaty practice only parties are bound, there may be a period of time after the 72 COLREGS come into force during which the ships of a nation not party to 72 COLREGS might not be considered as being bound to comply with the convention. While it is most likely that the 72 COLREGS will rapidly achieve the status of customary international law, thereby obviating any concern on the part of the mariner as to whether a particular nation is a party, it does not necessarily follow that the courts in all nations will apply 72 COLREGS to the vessels of a non-party nation. In the absence of changes in their domestic law there may be certain nations that will feel compelled to continue 60 COLREGS in force, despite the coming into force of 72 COLREGS.

The following nations are Contracting Parties for which 72 COLREGS will apply upon the Convention's entry into force:

Algeria	Mexico
Bahamas	Monaco
Belgium	Netherlands
Brazil	New Zealand
Bulgaria	Nigeria
Canada	Norway
Denmark	Papua New Guinea
Finland	Poland
France	Romania
German Democratic Republic	South Africa
Germany, Federal Republic	Spain
Ghana	Sweden
Greece	Switzerland
Hungary	Syrian Arab Republic
Iceland	USSR
India	United Kingdom
Liberia	United States
	Yugoslavia
	Zaire

The following nations have accepted the 60 COLREGS but are not Contracting Parties to 72 COLREGS:

Argentina	Gambia
Australia	Indonesia
Austria	Ireland
Barbados	Israel
Burma	Italy
China	Ivory Coast
Cuba	Jamaica
Cyprus	Japan
Czechoslovakia	Kuwait
Ecuador	Lebanon
Egypt	Libyan Arab Republic
Fiji	

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Madagascar	Singapore
Maldives	Surinam
Morocco	Tonga
Oman	Trinidad
Pakistan	Tobago
Paraguay	Tunisia
Peru	Turkey
Philippines	United Republic of
Portugal	Cameroon
Republic of Korea	

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# **PART 80—COLREGS DEMARICATION LINES**

**GENERAL**

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**ATLANTIC COAST****FIRST DISTRICT**

80.105 Calais, ME to Cape Small, ME.  
80.110 Casco Bay, ME.  
80.115 Portland Head, ME to Cape Ann, MA.  
80.120 Cape Ann, MA to Marblehead Neck, MA.  
80.125 Marblehead Neck, MA to Nahant, MA.  
80.130 Boston Harbor entrance.  
80.135 Hull, MA to Race Point, MA.  
80.145 Race Point, MA to Watch Hill, RI.  
80.150 Block Island, RI.  
80.155 Watch Hill, RI to Montauk Point, NY.  
80.160 Montauk Point, NY to Atlantic Beach, NY.  
80.165 New York Harbor.  
80.170 Sandy Hook, NJ to Tom's River, NJ.

**FIFTH DISTRICT**

80.501 Tom's River, NJ to Cape May, NJ.  
80.503 Delaware Bay.  
80.505 Cape Henlopen, DE to Cape Charles, VA.  
80.510 Chesapeake Bay Entrance, VA.  
80.515 Cape Henry, VA to Cape Hatteras, NC.  
80.520 Cape Hatteras, NC to Cape Lookout, NC.  
80.525 Cape Lookout, NC to Cape Fear, NC.  
80.530 Cape Fear, NC to New River Inlet, NC.

**SEVENTH DISTRICT**

80.703 Little River Inlet, SC to Cape Romain, SC.  
80.707 Cape Romain, SC to Sullivans Island, SC.  
80.710 Charleston Harbor, SC.  
80.712 Morris Island, SC to Hilton Head Island, SC.

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80.715 Savannah River.  
80.717 Tybee Island, GA to St. Simons Island, GA.  
80.720 St. Simons Island, GA to Amelia Island, FL.  
80.723 Amelia Island, FL to Cape Canaveral, FL.  
80.727 Cape Canaveral, FL to Miami Beach, FL.  
80.730 Miami Harbor, FL.  
80.735 Miami, FL to Long Key, FL.

**PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS****SEVENTH DISTRICT**

80.738 Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

**GULF COAST****SEVENTH DISTRICT**

80.740 Long Key, FL to Cape Sable, FL.  
80.745 Cape Sable, FL to Cape Romano, FL.  
80.748 Cape Romano, FL to Sanibel Island, FL.  
80.750 Sanibel Island, FL to St. Petersburg, FL.  
80.753 St. Petersburg, FL to Anclote, FL.  
80.755 Anclote, FL to the Suncoast Keys, FL.  
80.757 Suncoast Keys, FL to Horseshoe Point, FL.  
80.760 Horseshoe Point, FL to Rock Island, FL.

**EIGHTH DISTRICT**

80.805 Rock Island, FL to Cape San Blas, FL.  
80.810 Cape San Blas, FL to Perdido Bay, FL.  
80.815 Mobile Bay, AL to the Chandeleur Islands, LA.  
80.825 Mississippi Passes, LA.  
80.830 Mississippi Passes, LA to Point Au Fer, LA.  
80.835 Point Au Fer, LA to Calcasieu Pass, LA.  
80.840 Sabine Pass, TX to Galveston, TX.  
80.845 Galveston, TX to Freeport, TX.  
80.850 Brazos River, TX to the Rio Grande, TX.

**PACIFIC COAST****ELEVENTH DISTRICT**

80.1102 Santa Catalina Island, CA.  
80.1104 San Diego Harbor, CA.  
80.1106 Mission Bay, CA.  
80.1108 Oceanside Harbor, CA.  
80.1110 Dana Point Harbor, CA.  
80.1112 Newport Bay, CA.  
80.1114 San Pedro Bay—Anaheim Bay, CA.  
80.1116 Redondo Harbor, CA.  
80.1118 Marina Del Rey, CA.  
80.1120 Port Hueneme, CA.  
80.1122 Channel Islands Harbor, CA.  
80.1124 Ventura Marina, CA.  
80.1126 Santa Barbara Harbor, CA.